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Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 5:42 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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There was a time when monopolies were considered to be bad for the country. What has happened to change this attitude? It is apparent that we as a country are moving in the direction that will take us down a road where an individual's desires will be considered to be moot. Monopolies in the media? A very bad idea. Voices will be squelched! A small business that wants to get into the media business will not stand a chance! Minority media voices are already being silenced and this will be the final nail in the coffin. As an African-American, I am not only appalled, but frightened by this development.

Please raise these issues and sue if necessary to make
sure that ALL American voices can be heard!

Thank you.

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The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy,
Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I have listened to the arguments for and against relaxing the rules on broadcast ownership, cross-ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers and multiple ownership of radio broadcast stations in local markets. I have also studied the articles I could find on the subject.

Based on this investigation, I want you to vote against relaxing the rules on broadcast ownership, cross-ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers and multiple ownership of radio broadcast stations in local markets.

If you vote for relaxing the rules on broadcast ownership, cross-ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers and multiple ownership of radio broadcast stations in local markets there will be a few media conglomerates that gain near total control of radio, television and newspapers across the USA. This will reduce my opportunity to hear more than one point of view on important issues. An example of this is one hears very little about this issue on ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC because they are for it. Only National Public Radio (NPR) and Alabama Public Television (APT) have presented a serious discussion of the issue. All of these organization are very liberal except FOX. But when it comes to the great financial gains to be had by relaxing the rules on broadcast ownership, cross-ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers and multiple ownership of radio broadcast stations in local markets the private corporations, ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC are for it. Another example of the detrimental effects of consolidation of media is the Department of Justice letting The Huntsville Times, which is a large and extremely liberal local newspaper, buy the The Huntsville News, which had a conservative point of view. Now all we have to read is the diatribe of local liberal editors and most liberal nationally syndicated columnists. Walter Williams was a conservative national columnist

in the The Huntsville Time but it quickly got rid of him.

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